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Dear Ron,

Thank you for taking the time to speak to the Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians (CABV) Board of Directors on behalf of CgFARAD on February 28, 2013. From our conference call it was understood that CgFARAD will be approximately \$70,000 in arrears by the end their fiscal year ending April 30, 2013 and has never operated with a business plan until now. If CgFARAD is to continue, the organization will need a commitment of funding from stakeholders or will be forced to cease operation. The request from CgFARAD to CABV is \$11,000 to cover 20% of their operating costs until the end of their fiscal year (April 30, 2013), as well as a contribution of at least that much for each of the following three fiscal years ending April 30, 2016.

The CABV represents the 4 regional bovine veterinary associations across Canada, each of which is a not-for-profit organization involving voluntary member participation (excluding Quebec in which membership is mandatory). The principle mandate of these regional associations is to provide information and leadership on issues related to industry sectors and professional associations. The role of the CABV is to liaise with other national associations and organizations relating to the cattle industry and provide input towards position statements and associated correspondence that represents the collective interests of bovine practitioners in Canada. As such, our role as CABV has never been to collect dues or fees for third parties, nor have we ever provided direct funding to any projects or organizations in this manner.

While the CABV is not in a financial position to provide direct funding, the request for funding had been presented to each of the regional bovine associations. With respect to the initial request to help CgFARAD with arrears, each of the regional associations have committed to providing the following amounts:

Atlantic Bovine Practitioners Association - \$10/member = \$280  
Ontario Association of Bovine Practitioners - \$10/member = \$2,030  
Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners = \$2,500  
Association de médecins vétérinaires praticiens du Québec (contribution representing all food animal practitioners in QC) = approximately \$3,500

These amounts will be paid to CgFARAD directly by the regional associations as the decision to provide funding was made independent of the CABV. (Note: please send a letter of request directly to AMVPQ in order to process payment.)

Similar to CABV, the mandate of the regional associations has never been to collect monies for third parties. The funding request and commitment as presented by CgFARAD will need to be brought back to each respective regional association's membership for approval at their Annual General Meeting (AGM). Any fiscal decision such as this, made without the membership's consent would be viewed as unprofessional and irresponsible by the regional associations.

Given the above reasons, the CABV Board of Directors passed a motion stating that at this time, we cannot commit to provide funding beyond this initial \$8,300 (approximate) that is made possible by contributions from each of the regional associations. This request will be taken back to each of the regional associations and discussed at their respective AGMs.

In the interim, the CABV urges CgFARAD to explore a fee-for-service model to provide short to midterm cash flow. For long-term planning, we would advise approaching provincial veterinary associations to which veterinary membership is mandatory and explore opportunities for funding through the provincial membership.

We want to reinforce the message that bovine veterinarians view CgFARAD as a valuable service and we believe that the majority of bovine veterinarians would be willing to provide monetary funding to support this organization. However, the funding model needs to be presented in a manner that allows these fees to be collected from all bovine veterinarians and not solely from the portion of bovine veterinarians who are voluntary members of regional associations.

Sincerely,



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President, CABV/ACVB